

GENERAL ACCOUNT AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
Monday, June 2, 2003

At its meeting of Monday, June 2, 2003, at 10:37 a.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Lail, and unanimously carried, the Board recessed into Closed Session, in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body; and (4) To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations.

Present were Chair Katherine W. Barnes, Commissioners Glenn E. Barger, Barbara G. Beatty, and Lynn M. Lail. Also present were County Manager/Deputy Clerk J. Thomas Lundy, Assistant County Manager Mick W. Berry, County Attorney Robert Oren Eades, Staff Attorney Debra Bechtel, and County Clerk Thelda B. Rhoney.

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Economic Development Corporation President Scott Millar was invited to attend the incentives portion of the closed session.

Incentives for General Project identified as 5CP

Mr. Millar said 5CP is a German company looking at four locations: Glade Springs, Virginia; Greeneville, Tennessee; Hopkinsville, Kentucky; and Danner Park in Newton, NC. The company will select its two top sites in July.

The company is involved in civic activities and has an internship program.

Newton is offering 100 percent financing for 5 years plus a sewer line in the amount of \$18,000.

Land cost is \$500,000.

Newton is also offering as an incentive, with an estimated cost of \$610,000, and a 5MW peak sharing generator.

The approximately \$25 million project would create 100 new jobs paying above median average wages for the county.

Mr. Millar recommended an incentive equal to 67 percent of the new taxes generated by the project for a period of 5 years up to a maximum of \$80,000/yr., or \$400,000 total. The County would still receive approximately \$40,000/yr. in new tax receipts under this proposal.

Mr. Millar said the company is in Catawba County this date for a second visit.

The Company has operations in Detroit, Birmingham, Chicago, and also in Maine.

This plant would supply parts to be assembled in other plants.

They would need 100 people focused on quality and they would be using a mix of robotics and hands on machining.

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The Board felt this would be an excellent opportunity as the County is in need of jobs. The Board considered that Mr. Millar offer 67 percent of the new taxes generated by the project for a total of 5 years up to a maximum of \$80,000/yr.

At 11:25 a.m., the Board returned to regular session.

Katherine W. Barnes, Chair

Thelda B. Rhoney, County Clerk